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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BF, US

SUBJECT: GOBI CHANGES TO DRAFT CARRY OVER NOTE

REFERENCE: NASSAU 914

1. CHARGE IS REQUESTED TO SEEK EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH  
MIN EXTAFF AND ENDEAVOR TO RESOLVE ISSUES PRESENTED BY  
REVISED GOBI DRAFT NOTE REPORTED REFTEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
FOLLOWING:

A. USG IS CONCERNED THAT FOLLOWING APPARENT AGREE-  
MENT ON TEXT OF CARRYOVER NOTE AFTER FULL DISCUSSION OF  
ISSUES AT TRIPARTITE TALKS IN NASSAU, GOBI HAS AT THIS  
LATE HOUR DEPARTED FROM THAT AGREEMENT AND PROPOSED NEW  
TEXT REOPENING A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE (TERMINATION DATE).  
USG DESIRES TO INAUGURATE ITS NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH INDE-  
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PENDENT BAHAMAS ON A BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND TRUST AND

WISHES TO AVOID PROTRACTED DEBATE OVER THIS INITIAL AGREEMENT, WHICH IS DESIRED BY BOTH PARTIES.

B. ACCORDINGLY, WHILE PREFERRING TO ADHERE TO TEXT ORIGINALLY AGREED TO LAST MONTH IN NASSAU USG IS PREPARED IN INTEREST OF FACILITATING PROPITIOUS INITIATION OF NEW RELATIONSHIP TO CONCUR IN EDITORIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN BAHAMIAN REVISED NOTE, PROVIDED SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT AS PREVIOUSLY REACHED IS NOT IMPAIRED.

C. WE CONSIDER ALL BUT ONE CHANGE PROPOSED BY GOBI TO BE CONSISTENT WITH SUBSTANCE OF PREVIOUS DRAFT. IN PARTICULAR, WE REGARD REFERENCE TO "AGREEMENTS ... RELATING TO ... MILITARY OPERATING RIGHTS" AS INCLUDING 1941 AND 1949 AGREEMENTS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS DRAFT NOTES. (CHARGE SHOULD SEEK TO ELICIT GOBI CONFIRMATION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON THIS POINT.) HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT WE REQUEST THAT CLAUSE "SUBJECT TO THE EXTENSION OF THAT DAY BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS" BE DELETED. USG EXPLAINED ITS REASONS FOR OPPOSING TERMINATION DATE IN AGREEMENT AT LAST TRIPARTITE TALKS. INTER ALIA, THESE REASONS INCLUDED:

(I) MUTUAL DESIRE FOR EARLY AGREEMENT OBVIATES NEED FOR SPECIFIC DEADLINE:

(II) DEADLINE INCONSISTENT WITH NEW RELATIONSHIP BEING ESTABLISHED BETWEEN USG AND GOBI AND WOULD TEND TO FOSTER INAPPROPRIATE NEGOTIATING CLIMATE

(III) SPECIFIC PROVISION CONTEMPLATING LAPSE OF AGREEMENTS IN RELATIVELY SHORT TIME WOULD NECESSARILY RETARD CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES;

(IV) EXPRESSION OF INTENTION TO REACH AGREEMENT BY END OF 1973 AND PROVISION FOR CONSULTATION ADEQUATELY PROTECT GOBI.

D. AS A SECONDARY MATTER WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO  
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DELETE WORDS "DEFENSE AND SECURITY MATTERS AND" IN FIRST PARAGRAPH OF REVISED DRAFT. ALTHOUGH OUR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS EXTENDED TO SUCH MATTERS, THOSE DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT RELEVANT TO THE CARRYOVER AGREEMENT AND WE ARE CONCERNED THAT REFERENCE TO DEFENSE AND SECURITY MATTERS IN CARRYOVER AGREEMENT MIGHT GIVE RISE TO QUESTIONS, INCLUDING QUESTIONS IN US CONGRESS, BASED ON ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION THAT PURPOSE OF CARRYOVER AGREEMENT IS BROADER THAN

CONTINUANCE OF EXISTING MILITARY RIGHTS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY COULD OBTAIN COPY FINAL  
TEXT OF GOBI UNILATERAL DECLARATION TO UN SECRETARY  
GENERAL REGARDING TREATY SUCCESSION. IN PARTICULAR WE  
ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER TEXT CONFORMS TO THAT  
REPORTED IN NASSAU 906 OR IF SOME ALTERATION HAS BEEN MADE  
WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY RIGHTS AGREEMENTS. ROGERS

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